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For: FIRE RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING
AND A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A
FIRE RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING

Examiner: J. C. Fox

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005 and the interview with the Examiner summarized in the Interview Summary dated 8 September 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.